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SUBJECT: SWIFTSHIPS PATROL BOAT REPAIRS

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- 1. HAVE DISCUSSED SITUATION WITH JERRY HOFFPAUIR OF SWIFTSHIPS AND GEORGE KING OF DETROIT DIESEL. BOTH PARTIES WILLING TO BE RESPONSIVE, BUT EACH BLAMES OTHER FOR ENGINE MALFUNCTIONS. SWIFTSHIPS SAYS OVERHEATING DUE TO POOR ENGINE DESIGN WHILE DETROIT DIESEL BELIEVES PROBLEM CAUSED BY INADEQUATE VENTILATION SYSTEM.
- 2. DEPTOFF GAVE KING GIST OF EMBASSY'S SEA TRIAL REPORTS, ON BASIS OF WHICH KING WILL TRANSMIT PROPOSALS AND SUGGESTIONS AS HOW BEST TO HANDLE MATTER TO COMMANDANT FERET VIA EMBASSY. KING SAID THAT NGUENE MAY HAVE TO BE SENT TO GM FACILITY SUCH AS IN LIBERIA, IF REPAIRS CANNOT BE MADE ON THE SPOT. ALSO THAT WARRANTY COVERS PARTS ONLY, NOT LABOR OR OTHER REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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3. DEPT SENDING COPIES REFS A AND B TO DETROIT DIESEL IN ORDER THAT THEY MAY MAKE BEST RESPONSE. SUGGEST YOU SEND FUTURE SEA TRIAL REPORTS TO THEM (TELEX: 810221-1649)

AS WELL AS TO SWIFTSHIPS. MAILING ADDRESS IS: DETROIT DIESEL, ALLISON INTERNATIONAL, 13400 WEST OUTER DRIVE,

DETROIT, MICH. 48228.

- 4. HOFFPAUIR SAID HE PREPARED TO VISIT GABON IF NECESSARY. DEPTOFF SUGGESTED THAT HE COORDINATE SUCH VISIT WITH DETROIT DIESEL AND KEEP US INFORMED.
- 5. DEPT IMPRESSED UPON SWIFTSHIPS AND DETROIT DIESEL SERIOUSNESS WITH WHICH ISSUE IS VIEWED BY HIGHEST LEVELS OF GOG AND HAS URGED BOTH FIRMS TO BE AS FORTHCOMING AS POSSIBLE. CHRISTOPHER

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